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REMARKS

The application has been reviewed in light of the final Office Action dated November 1, 2007. Claims 3-16 were pending, with claims 1 and 2 having previously been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer. The Office Action indicates that claims 3, 4 and 8-12 have been allowed. By this Amendment, claims 5-7 and 13-16 have been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer. Allowed claims 5-7 and 13-16 remain pending, with claim 5 and 14 being in independent form.

Claims 5-7 and 13-16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as purportedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,075,920 to Kawamura et al.

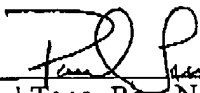
By this Amendment, claims 5-7 and 13-16 have been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer, and only allowed claims 5-7 and 13-16 remain pending.

Accordingly, applicant submits that the application is now in condition for allowance, and earnestly solicits the allowance of the application.

If a petition for an extension of time is required to make this response timely, this paper should be considered to be such a petition. The Patent Office is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be required in connection with this amendment and to credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

If a telephone interview could advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney.

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